



There is a new initiative in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy this year that I would like to draw your attention to. The initiative is going to be issuing a solicitation in a few months aimed at supporting university lead teams conducting fundamental multi-disciplinary research that has potential to impact energy efficiency. We see several opportunities for research in support of photovoltaics (PV and thermophotovoltaics (TPV to be proposed under this initiative. In fact you'll notice that PV and TPV are explicitly mentioned several times in the solicitation's scope. We hope that PV and TPV proposals will be submitted in several of the "Program Areas of Interest" including Advanced Materials (IB1), Combustion-Related Research (IB3) and Sensors and Controls (IB4). You may want to alert your friends and colleagues in the academic community to this opportunity for team building among educational and research organizations.

A review draft of the solicitation is now out for comment. I hope you will take the time to review this new initiative. The Review Draft of the Energy Efficiency Science Initiative Solicitation is now posted at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/golden/solicitations.html>

Kindest Regards,

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